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Art Unit: 1724

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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A pool skimmer screen for placement across a mouth of a

swimming pool skimmer inlet, comprising:

a substantially rigid, hollow support frame having a front surface and a rear

surface;

a mesh screen fitted within the support frame; [[and]]

a plurality of magnets disposed on the rear surface of the support frame;

the support frame further comprising a buoyant material enclosed therein, such that

the pool skimmer screen has positive buoyancy with respect to water contained within the

swimming pool; and

whereby the magnetic mounted support frame affords quick and easy cleaning of

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the skimmer screen, and whereby bees and other insects are prevented from entering the

swimming pool skimmer mouth.

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Claim 2. (Currently Amended) The pool skimmer screen according to claim 1, further comprising a plurality of ferromagnetic metallic pads adapted for being mounted to a non-metallic surface surrounding a swimming pool skimmer mouth, the metallic pads being magnetically attachable to the magnets disposed on the skimmer support frame for

attaching the pool skimmer screen to a swimming pool having non-metallic surfaces.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The pool skimmer screen according to claim 1, wherein

the mesh screen is stretched tight across the support frame.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The pool skimmer screen according to claim 1, wherein

the support frame is substantially rectangular.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The pool skimmer screen according to claim 4, wherein

the magnets are adhesively mounted to the corners of the <u>support</u> frame.

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Claim 6. (Original) The pool skimmer screen according to claim 5, wherein the magnets

are rare earth magnets.

Claim 7. (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A pool skimmer screen for placement across a mouth of a

swimming pool skimmer inlet, comprising:

a substantially rigid, rectangular and hollow support frame having a front surface

and a rear surface;

a mesh screen stretched taut across the support frame; [[and]]

a plurality of magnets disposed on the rear surface of the support frame; and

buoyant material disposed within the support frame;

whereby the magnetic mounted support frame affords quick and easy cleaning of

the skimmer screen, and whereby bees and other insects are prevented from entering the

swimming pool skimmer mouth.

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Claim 10. (Currently Amended) The pool skimmer screen according to claim 9, further comprising a plurality of ferromagnetic metallic pads adapted for mounting to a non-metallic surface surrounding the swimming pool skimmer mouth, the metallic pads being

magnetically attachable to the magnets disposed on the skimmer support frame, thereby

attaching the pool skimmer screen to a swimming pool having non-metallic surfaces.

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